



SCOTTISH SENIOR WOMENS GOLF ASSOCIATION (HIGHLAND)

COMPETITIONS - TERMS & CONDITIONS

Rules of Golf

- a) All competitions shall be played in accordance with the R&A Rules of Golf and any Local Rules or Additional Local Rules introduced by the Committee and/or host club.
- b) All competitions will be run by SSWGA Highland Committee to whom all disputes will be referred and whose decision will be final.

Eligibility to Play

- a) All players must be members of the SSWGA Highland.
- b) Handicap Competitions: (Reference: Scottish Golf Transgender & Non-Binary Policy)
 - For female competitions, competitors are required to hold a WHS™ handicap which identifies that they are a female golfer.
- c) Scratch Competitions: (Reference: Scottish Golf Transgender & Non-Binary Policy)
 - For female competitions, only female players and non-binary players whose sex assigned at birth were female may compete.

Entry

- a) Details of all competitions are included on the fixture cards. These are posted to club delegates before the start of the season.
- b) Entry forms are emailed (or posted) by Secretary before the start of the season.
- c) Entries for competitions should be emailed if possible (or posted) to SSWGA Highland Secretary by the club delegate by the closing date. Entry fees must be paid by delegates by bank transfer (or cheque) at the time of entry together with entry form.
- d) In the event of over-subscription to events a ballot will take place with those balloted out being offered a place at the next available open. For the Championship, this will be balloted on handicap. For the Greensomes, any pair balloted out will be offered a place at the Greensomes the following year, should they enter as the same pair
- e) Entry fee will only be refunded if withdrawal is confirmed prior to the draw being issued.

Handicaps

- a) The Handicap Index certified by Centralised Database Handicap (CDH) will be used for all purposes.
- b) Competitions are divided into two divisions – Section 1 (playing Handicap up to 20) and Section 2 (playing Handicap 21 and over).
- c) It is the responsibility of each player to ensure that their Handicap Index is up to date at all times.

Registration

- a) Competitors must register their intention to compete in all competitions on the day of the competition by collecting their score card at the Registration desk.



Inclement Weather or Exceptional Circumstances

- a) If, in the opinion of the Committee, it becomes impossible to complete a competition in accordance with the Terms of the Competition, because of adverse weather or other circumstances, the Committee reserves the right to amend the format of the competitions to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available.

Prize-giving/Vouchers

- a) There will be no prize-giving for strokeplay/stableford competitions, vouchers will be handed out on the day if possible or posted to winners.
- b) A prize-giving will take place on conclusion of the Championship and Handicap Cup match-play finals.

Policies/Procedures

The following policies apply to all SSWGA Highland competitions:

- a) Procedures for Bad Weather and Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7b), the host club policy.
- b) Amateur caddies are permitted.
- c) Buggies: Buggies are allowed. Players must make their own arrangements with the host club to book a buggy.
- d) A competition will be closed on completion of play.
- e) Images and filming at the Competitions may be taken for media coverage or promotional purposes e.g. website including social media or publication and these images may be accompanied by personal details such as full name and associated golf club.

Disclaimer/Consent

- a) Neither the host venue nor SSWGA Highland can be held responsible for any personal injury, loss of or damage to, equipment or personal possessions at competitions.
- b) General Data Protection Policy: Any personal contact information requested on entry forms will be used only for the purposes of running the competitions. Entry forms will be destroyed after the competition has taken place. Our Privacy Policy can be found on the SSWGA website.
- c) The Privacy Policy of our Independent Software Vendor (2022Club Systems) may be viewed on the following link: <https://www.clubsystems.com/privacy>.

Championship

- a) The format is 18 holes of stroke play for the Qualifying round on day 1.
- b) The playing handicap will be 95% of the exact course handicap.
- c) There will be one scratch prize, up to 5 net prizes in Division 1 and up to 5 net prizes in Division 2, depending on entries and at the discretion of the committee on the day.
- d) In the event of a tie, a card count-back will resolve any ties. The count-back will be based on the lowest gross or net score for the last 9 holes (or 6, 3 or 1). If a tie still arises, the last 6, 3



or 1 hole(s) of the first 9 holes. If no decision is reached, a card play-off from hole 1 will apply, failing which; the winner will be decided by lot.

- e) The decision to use the ClubV1 NET FRACTIONAL method of count-back was made at the 2024 Executive Committee meeting, held on Sunday September 22nd 2024.
- f) The best 8 scratch scores from the qualifying round will qualify for the Championship Matchplay. The quarter-finals to be played on the morning of day 2, the semi-finals on the afternoon of day 2. The final to be arranged along with the Handicap Cup final, at a day and time agreeable to all 4 players, on the same course as day 1 and 2 and within 6 weeks.
- g) The best 4 net scores (after the best 8 scratch scores) from the qualifying round will qualify for the Handicap Cup. The semi-finals to be played in the afternoon of day 2, playing handicap to be 100% of exact course handicap on the day. The final to be arranged along with the Scratch Cup final, at a day and time agreeable to all 4 players, on the same course as day 1 and 2 within 6 weeks.
- h) The winner of the Championship will receive the McAllen Trophy.
The winner of the Handicap will receive the Handicap Cup.
The member aged 65 or over with the best net score in the Qualifying round in Division 1 and Division 2 will receive the Daisy Barnfather Trophy
- i) In the event the event is oversubscribed, there will be a ballot by handicap. The unsuccessful higher handicap women will be placed on a waiting list. This will count towards the 2 competitions required for the year.

Strokeplay Competitions

- a) The format is 18 holes of stroke play.
- b) The playing handicap will be 95% of the exact course handicap.
- c) There will be one scratch prize, up to 5 net prizes in Division 1 and up to 5 net in Division 2, depending on entries and at the discretion of the committee on the day.
- d) In the event of a tie, a card count-back will resolve any ties. The count-back will be based on the lowest gross or net score for the last 9 holes (or 6, 3 or 1). If a tie still arises, the last 6, 3 or 1 hole(s) of the first 9 holes. If no decision is reached, a card play-off from hole 1 will apply, failing which; the winner will be decided by lot.
- e) The decision to use the ClubV1 NET FRACTIONAL method of count-back was made at the 2024 Executive Committee meeting, held on Sunday September 22nd 2024.
- f) If the event is oversubscribed, there will be a random ballot. The unsuccessful women will be placed on a waiting list. This will count towards the 2 competitions necessary for the year. Any woman balloted out will be offered a place at the next singles open they enter.

Stableford Competitions

- a) The format is 18 holes of stableford.
- b) The playing handicap will be 95% of the exact course handicap.



- c) There will be up to 5 net prizes in Division 1 and up to 5 net prizes in Division 2, depending on entries and at the discretion of the committee on the day.
- d) In the event of a tie, a card count-back will resolve any ties. The count-back will be based on the lowest net score for the last 9 holes (or 6, 3 or 1). If a tie still arises, the last 6, 3 or 1 hole(s) of the first 9 holes. If no decision is reached, a card play-off from hole 1 will apply, failing which; the winner will be decided by lot.
- e) The decision to use the ClubV1 NET FRACTIONAL method of count-back was made at the 2024 Executive Committee meeting, held on Sunday September 22nd 2024.
- f) If the event is oversubscribed, there will be a random ballot. The unsuccessful women will be placed on a waiting list. This will count towards the 2 competitions necessary for the year. Any woman balloted out will be offered a place at the next singles open they enter.

3-Lady Team Competition

- a) The format is 18 holes of stroke play.
- b) Members enter individually and the committee will do a draw for teams of 3.
- c) The best net score at each hole to count.
- d) The playing handicap will be 80% of the exact course handicap.
- e) There will be up to 4 team prizes, depending on entries and at the discretion of the committee on the day.
- f) In the event of a tie, a card count-back will resolve any ties. The count-back will be based on the lowest net score for the last 9 holes (or 6, 3 or 1). If a tie still arises, the last 6, 3 or 1 hole(s) of the first 9 holes. If no decision is reached, a card play-off from hole 1 will apply, failing which; the winner will be decided by lot.
- e) The decision to use the ClubV1 NET FRACTIONAL method of count-back was made at the 2024 Executive Committee meeting, held on Sunday September 22nd 2024.
- f) If the event is oversubscribed, there will be a random ballot. The unsuccessful women will be placed on a waiting list. This will count towards the 2 competitions necessary for the year. Any woman balloted out will be offered a place at the next singles open they enter.

Greensomes Competition

- a) The format is 18 holes stroke play Greensomes, with Greensomes handicap allowance ($0.6 \times \text{lower handicap} + 0.4 \times \text{higher handicap}$).
- b) Members enter in pairs.
- c) There will be up to 4 net prizes, depending on entries and at the discretion of the committee on the day. The pair with the best net score will receive the Greensomes Trophy.
- d) In the event of a tie, a card count-back will resolve any ties. The count-back will be based on the lowest net score for the last 9 holes (or 6, 3 or 1). If a tie still arises, the last 6, 3 or 1 hole(s) of the first 9 holes. If no decision is reached, a card play-off from hole 1 will apply, failing which; the winner will be decided by lot.



- e) The decision to use the ClubV1 NET FRACTIONAL method of count-back was made at the 2024 Executive Committee meeting, held on Sunday September 22nd 2024.
- f) If the event is oversubscribed, there will be a random ballot. The unsuccessful pairs will be placed on a waiting list. This will count towards the 2 competitions necessary for the year. Any pair balloted out will be offered a place at the Greensomes the following year, should they enter as the same pair.

Aggregate Trophies

- a) The best 3 net/stableford scores from the 4 individual competitions throughout the season to count.
- b) A player's handicap at the first counting event will determine their division for the season.
- c) In the event of a tie the winner will be determined by the better 4th score, if both/all have a 4th score. If any do not have a 4th score, the winner will be determined by a card count-back using the 3 counting scores. The count back will be based on the lowest gross/net score for the last 9 holes (or 6, 3, or 1). If a tie still arises, the last 6 3 or 1 holes(s) of the first 9 holes. If no decision is reached, a card play-off from hole 1 will apply, failing which, the winner will be decided by lot.
- d) The winner in Division 1 will receive the Founders Trophy, with the runner up receiving the SVLGA Highland Trophy.

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